Subject No. 161.

Transfer of entire Mohatarfa to Municipal Funds.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal Funds should not be spent on, or otherwise appropriated for, other than strictly Municipal purposes. At present half the Mohatarfa revenue is credited to Provincial Funds to the detriment of local requirements for lights, roads and good drinking water. Why not transfer the entire Mohatarfa to the Municipalities? A rich Government can afford to do this.

Dewan's reply.—Before Municipalities were established, Mohatarfa house-tax used to be levied only on non-agriculturists and all Mohatarfa was State Revenue. When Municipalities were established, all houses without exemption on the score of their owners being agriculturists were assessed with house-tax and Government transferred the collection of the Mohatarfa to the respective Municipalities on the condition that half of the gross receipts were credited to Provincial Funds. By this arrangement, Municipalities have gained and the State has lost a part of its former Mohatarfa Revenue. Proposals to transfer the entire Mohatarfa to Municipalities have received and will continue to receive due consideration when legitimate Municipal wants cannot otherwise be met.

Subject No. 162.

Compulsory Vaccination Act not required.

164. *Summary of discussion.*—We do not want a Compulsory Vaccination Law.

Note.—Mr. Nanjundashastri, Representative from the Rate Payers' Association at Bangalore, spoke also to the same effect.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 163.

Cash remuneration to Totis and Talawars by Government in lieu of Mirasi by raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—Totis and Talawars should be remunerated by Government by cash payments as Patels and Shanbhogs are. The rules for payment to them of Mirasi by raiyats should be abolished.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible. They have land emoluments from Government for the service which they render to Government. They serve raiyats also and Mirasi is just and has been paid without murmur from time immemorial. Compare on this subject the representations from the Shimoga and Hassan Districts. (Subject Nos. 56 and 131 *supra*).

Subject No. 164.

Village Munsiffs required.

Summary of discussion.—The institution of Village Munsiffs should be established in this Province as it has been in the Madras Presidency.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful whether the time has come for this measure in its entirety. The question is, can our Patels, as a rule, be entrusted with these functions?

Subject No. 165.

Right to Honge, &c., trees grown at private cost on Kodagi tank bunds and in private topes.

Summary of discussion.—Right in Honge and other trees grown at private cost on bunds of Kodagi and private enterprise tanks should vest in the grower, as also that of trees in private topes.

Dewan's reply.—The right to trees on bunds should go to Government with the bunds themselves. But privilege to take Honge leaves from such trees can be conceded on the same terms as in the case of Honge trees on other Government land as to which, *vide* reply already given (Subject No. 152 *supra.*) The right to trees in private topes is not disturbed but vests in the owners, if any be forthcoming, of those Topes.

Subject No. 166.
Railway required from Kolar Road to Madanapalli.

Summary of discussion.—A railway is required from Kolar Road to Madanapalli in Her Majesty's Territory. Thereby Gold Mining tracts will be opened out and trade developed.

Dewan's reply.—It is impossible at present to entertain so large a scheme, but whatever is possible is being done for the Kolar District in the way of Railway extension.

Subject No. 167.
Reconstitution of Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk into a Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk should be constituted into a Taluk. The range is too unwieldy for management by a Deputy Amildar; some portions of it being at a distance of more than 30 miles from the Taluk Treasury, much inconvenience is felt by the Shanbhogs and Patels in remitting revenue collections. The Revenue of the Sub-Taluk is almost equal to that of a small Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner supports the proposal. It will be examined carefully.

Subject No. 168.
Reduction of excessive Hulbanni rent in Sidlaghatta Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Hulbanni, which used formerly to be given out on small rents ranging from eight annas to Rs. 2 has, during the past three years, been valued at such high sums as Rs. 20 and 30 even for small villages. The extent of gomal is limited and a portion of it has been utilized for plantations. Under these circumstances, the raiyats pray that the Hulbanni rent may be reduced.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be sent to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report as to whether there has been adopted in the Sidlaghatta Taluk a system so different as alleged from other Taluks, and whether average previous collections have been ignored in that Taluk as alleged.

Subject No. 169.
Revival of Batayi system.

Summary of discussion.—The old Batayi system should be revived as it is beneficial to all concerned.

Dewan's reply.—Impossible.

Subject No. 170.
Restoration of ruined Kodagi tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Many of the tanks formerly held on Kodagi tenure are now in a dilapidated condition for want of repairs. The raiyats pray that these tanks may be put in order, the measure being beneficial to themselves and to the Government.